

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-24 and 39-53 are cancelled without prejudice. Claim 25 is amended. Claims 25-38 are pending and in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-24 and 39-53 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Moran et al (US Patent No 5,861,886). Claims 1-24 and 39-53 have been cancelled without prejudice solely in order to speed up prosecution.

The Examiner objected to Claims 25-38 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, in order to put Claims 25-38 in condition for allowance, Claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base Claim 16 and intervening Claims 17-24. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that amended Claim 25, and original Claims 26-38 which depend from amended Claim 25, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that pending Claims 25-38 are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,
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